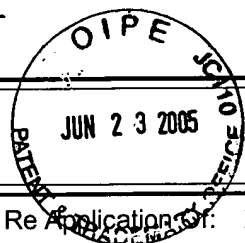
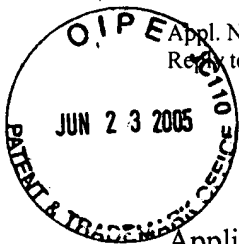


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated March 22, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.